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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-81 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-81 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 15 May 2007 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the first three items listed in the Foreign Patent Documents section fail to include an English translation. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-81 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The terms "of data" (claim 1, line 6) and "must be paid" (claim 53, line 2 and claim 54, line 2) are improper grammar.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 35, 40, 41, 43, 65-72, 75, 76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The terms "service organization" (claim 35, lines 2 and 3; claim 40, lines 2 and 3; claim 43, line 3; claim 65, line 4; and claim 75, lines 3 and 4), "operator" (claim 35, line 3), "operators" (claim 43, line 3), "operating person" (claim 68, line 3), "departments" (claim 71, line 3), and "computer" (claim 75, line 4) lack sufficient antecedent bases.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-10, 24-29, 31-38, 40-50, 58, 61-66, 68, 69 and 71-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patent Application Publication Number US 2002/0035541 A1 by Makino et al (“Makino”). The banknote processing machine system disclosed by Makino comprises banknote processing machines 3a-3n that are connected to service center 2 via network Dnet (see Figure 1) which comprises the Internet (see paragraph 0066). Machine operation software preset data are exchanged from said service center to said machine and replace data in said banknote processing machine via said network using a standard protocol to adjust and control said machines (see paragraphs 0062, 0063 and 0082-0091).

Makino further discloses said banknote processing machines being connected to one another and data being exchanged between said machines (see paragraph 0107), monitoring unit 4 that has an operator assigned to monitor said machines (see paragraph 0068), and machine data being stored in data memory DB of said service center 2 which evaluates said data (see paragraph 0098). Still further, said machines send fault reports to said service center and are displayed via an input/output device (see paragraph 0138), banknote machine data is backed-up prior to an exchange of

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data to into said machine (see paragraphs 0004 and 0157), and fundamental parts of machine data V-Rom (see Figure 2) cannot be altered by exchange data.

Said system further discloses an alarm message that is generated as a result of exchange data and is sent to a processing machine (see paragraph 0138, lines 22-30), and

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11-20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Patent Application Publication Number US 2002/0046061 A1 by Wright et al (“Wright”). Makino fails to disclose departments being connected to said service center. Wright teaches a communication network comprising departments 326A-326D that are connected to and are in data communication with service department 120 that is operated by a service person (see Figure 3 and paragraph 0054) for the purpose of transmitting specific data to and from said service center. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the department/service center

configuration of Wright into the system of Makino for the purpose of transmitting specific data to and from said service center.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Patent Number US 6,508,398 B1 by Estes (“Estes”). Makino fails to disclose a further network-connected service center. Estes teaches a banknote processing machine system comprising service center 30 and further service center 68 that are in communication with banknote processing machine 36 (see sole figure, column 2, lines 11-24, and column 3, lines 5-19) for the purpose of enhancing data transfer to and from said banknote machine. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the further service center of Estes into the system of Makino for the purpose of enhancing data transfer to and from said banknote machine.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Patent Number US 7,092,907 B2 by Kanevsky et al (“Kanevsky”). Makino fails to disclose a trial version of transferred data. Kanivsky teaches a data transfer system having including a trial version of data for a processing machine that is transferred from a service center (see column 1, lines 51-56 and column 2, lines 30-39) for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of said data in the operation of said system. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the trial version of data of

Kanevsky into the system of Makino for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of said data in the operation of said system.

Claims 30, 53-57 and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Patent Number US 6,430,470 B1 by Nakajima et al (“Nakajima”). Makino fails to disclose the charging of a data transmission fee. Nakajima teaches a banknote processing machine network system that operates to charge a fee for data transmitted to banknote processing machines (see column 4, lines 28-38) for the purpose of generating revenue for the system operator. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the transmission fee charge of Nakajima into the system of Makino for the purpose of generating revenue for the system operator.

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 38 above, and further in view of Patent Application Publication Number US 2004/0164141 A1 by Egami et al (“Egami”). Makino fails to disclose the monitoring of a person. Egami teaches a banknote processing machine that monitors the presence of a person via camera 6 (see Figures 1A and 2A and paragraph 0035) for the purpose of verifying the identity of persons operating said machine. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate

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the monitoring operation of Egami into the banknote machine of Makino for the purpose of verifying the identity of persons operating said machines.

Claims 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Patent Number US 7,395,241 B1 by Cook et al (“Cook”). Makino fails to disclose an authorized source check. Cook teaches a banknote data transfer system that is arranged to check whether data to be exchanged originate from an authorized source (see column 8, lines 29-50) for the purpose of providing secure monetary data transactions. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the authorized source check of Cook into the system of Makino for the purpose of providing secure monetary data transactions.

Claims 59 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 58 above, and further in view of Patent Number US 6,363,164 B1 by Jones et al (“Jones”). Makino fails to disclose banknote comparison data. Jones teaches a banknote system comprising processing machines that generate banknote data via service center 930 (see Figure 4a and column 20, lines 48-67) for the purpose of determining the authenticity of banknotes processed by said machine. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the comparison data of Jones into the system of Makino for the purpose of authenticating banknotes processed by said machine.

Claim 70 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makino as applied to claim 69 above, and further in view of Patent Application Publication Number US 2001/0051884 A1 by Wallis et al (“Wallis”). Makino fails to disclose a replacement part request. Wallis teaches a currency processing network that operates to request an operator to deliver replacement parts (see paragraph 0009) for the purpose of permitting the repair of articles associated with said network. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the replacement part request of Wallis into the system of Makino for the purpose of permitting the repair of articles associated with said system.

Conclusion

The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Patent Application Publication Number US 2003/0023325 A1 by Adachi et al because of its plurality of service centers SF1-SFn.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARK J. BEAUCHAINE whose telephone number is

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(571)272-6934. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM through 5:00PM Mondays through Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick H. Mackey can be reached on (571)272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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